



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is a disease characterized by the growth of abnormal malignant cells in the ovaries, fallopian tubes, or the peritoneum; and
- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer-related deaths among women in the United States and can affect any woman, regardless of age, race, or economic background; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, an estimated 22,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and approximately 15,000 cases will be fatal; and
- WHEREAS: Screening tests currently used to detect ovarian cancer may be unreliable, while symptoms of the disease are subtle and typically mimic those of other conditions. As a result, only around 20 percent of ovarian cancers are found at an early stage; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of ovarian cancer may include pelvic or adnominal swelling or pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, sudden weight loss, or urinary symptoms such as urgency or frequency, among others. When caused by ovarian cancer, such symptoms tend to be persistent and abnormal; and
- WHEREAS: Late-stage ovarian cancer is difficult to treat and frequently fatal. Women diagnosed with ovarian cancer have an average survival rate of five years with only 47 percent of patients having a full recovery. If diagnosed and treated before the disease has spread beyond the ovaries, the five-year relative survival rate is 92 percent; and
- WHEREAS: Many organizations across Georgia, such as the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance, are dedicated to increasing awareness of ovarian cancer in an effort to establish more effective resources for early detection, advance treatment options, and improve the quality of life of those affected by the disease; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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